

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 30, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The planetary reduction gear device 4, as shown in Fig. 7, includes a sun gear 41 attached to an outer cylindrical surface of one end of an armature shaft 22 of the starter motor 2. An internal gear 42, being configured into a ring shape, is disposed coaxially with the ~~sub~~ sun gear 41 and spaced radially outer side about the sun gear 41. A plurality of, e.g., three, planetary gears 43 are interposed between the sun gear 41 and the internal gear 42 so as to mesh with both the sun gear 41 and the internal gear 42. When the armature 21 is rotating, the ~~sub~~ sun gear 41 transmits the rotation of the armature 21 to the planetary gears 43. Each planetary gear 43 not only causes autorotation but also causes revolution about the ~~sub~~ sun gear 41. The revolution of the planetary gears 43 is transmitted as a rotational power to the output shaft 5. The internal gear 42 has a plurality of engaging projections 42a formed at equal angular intervals along the outer periphery thereof.